

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EQUALITY FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received suggestions from the National Advisory Council for changes in the existing laws to ensure equality for women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) In a letter dated 20th June, 2005 addressed to the Prime Minister, the Chairperson, National Advisory Council suggested ensuring complete legal equality for women in all matters including inheritance of agricultural land and property in line with the commitment made in the National Common Minimum Programme.

(c) As per the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Bill, 2004 passed by the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session, 2005, the gender discriminatory provisions in the matter of inheritance of property including agricultural land by females have been removed.